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**SANDY URBAN COUNCIL**

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**ANNUAL REPORT**

FOR

**1966**

OF THE

*Medical Officer of Health*

AND

*Surveyor & Public Health Inspector*



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# ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1966

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*To the Chairman and Members of  
the Sandy Urban District Council*

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report upon the health, vital statistics and sanitary conditions in respect of the Sandy Urban District for 1966.

A study of the statistical table shows that the death rate was the lowest recorded in the past decade. As in the past years heart and circulatory disease and cancer were the chief causes of death claiming a total of 29 out of the 39 deaths which occurred in the district.

This is the fourth occasion in the last five years when there have been no infant deaths.

There were 22 cases of infective hepatitis notified during the year but investigation did not show any common factor. There did not appear to be any marked incidence of whooping cough.

I wish to thank the members of the Council for their consideration and the members of the staff, in particular Mr. Stirling, for their help and co-operation.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

C. A. HARVEY,  
*Medical Officer of Health.*

## GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	4362
Registrar-General's Estimate of Home Population	...	...	...	...	4570
Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1966	...	...	...	...	1522
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	£ 163,506
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	...	£640 (Estimated)

## VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

### Live Births

		Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	...	38	38	76
Illegitimate	...	2	3	5
		—	—	—
		40	41	81

Crude Birth Rate per 1000 home population	17.7
Adjusted Birth Rate per 1000 home population	18.4
Birth Rate for England and Wales	17.7

### Still Births

		Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	...	0	0	0
Illegitimate	...	0	0	0

Still Birth Rate per 1000 home population	—
Still Birth Rate for England and Wales	15.4

### Deaths

		Males	Females	Total
All causes	...	21	18	39
Crude Death Rate per 1000 home population				8.5
Area Comparability Factor				1.01
Adjusted Death Rate per 1000 home population				8.6
Death Rate for England and Wales				11.7
Maternal Mortality— <i>Nil</i>				

### Death of Infants under one year of age

		Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	...	0	0	0
Illegitimate	...	0	0	0
Rate for all infants per 1000 live births				—
Rate for England and Wales				19.0
Peri-natal Mortality Rate				—



## CAUSES OF DEATH

The following table shows causes of death as given in the Registrar-General's statistics.

Causes	Under 16 years		16—64		65 and Over		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. Tuberculosis, other	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3. Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4. Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5. Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6. Meningococcal infections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7. Acute poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8. Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	1	...	1	...	2
11. Malignant neoplasm, lungs, bronchus	...	...	1	...	1	...	2
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	2	1	...	2	5
15. Leukæmia, aleukæmia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16. Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	1	1	1	3
18. Coronary disease, angina	...	...	3	1	3	5	12
19. Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
20. Other heart disease	...	...	...	...	2	1	3
21. Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
22. Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
23. Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
24. Bronchitis	...	...	3	1	...	1	5
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhœa	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
31. Congenital malformation	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
33. Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
34. All other accidents	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
35. Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
36. Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	...	...	10	5	11	13	39

## STATISTICAL TABLE 1957-1966

Year	Death Rate		Infant Mortality Rate		Birth Rate	
	Sandy U.D.	England & Wales	Sandy U.D.	England & Wales	Sandy U.D.	England & Wales
1957	13.1	11.5	24.4	23.0	10.8	16.1
1958	9.0	11.7	13.5	22.5	19.7	16.9
1959	11.7	11.6	18.5	22.0	14.2	16.5
1960	14.2	11.5	15.2	21.7	17.0	17.1
1961	9.9	12.0	33.3	21.4	15.5	17.1
1962	10.9	11.9	—	21.4	16.4	18.0
1963	12.3	12.2	—	20.9	19.6	18.2
1964	10.8	11.3	—	20.0	14.9	18.4
1965	9.7	11.5	23.5	19.0	19.6	18.1
1966	8.6	11.7	—	19.0	17.7	17.7

### GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES

#### Public Health Officers—

Medical Officer of Health—  
Dr. C. A. Harvey, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Surveyor and Public Health Inspector—  
James Stirling, Cert.R.S.A. (Scot.)

#### Laboratory Facilities

The services of the Public Health Laboratory, General Hospital, Kimbolton Road, Bedford, are available for the examination of any material submitted by the Health Department or by General Practitioners. This service is under the direction of the Medical Research Council through the Ministry of Health, and there is no charge to the Council. The Laboratory undertakes the examination of throat swabs, sputum, urine and faeces, and blood from cases of suspected infectious disease, and advice and assistance is always available.

#### Services provided by the County Council under the National Health Service Act, 1946

##### 1. Ambulance

The Bedfordshire County Council provides a complete service covering the whole of the County. The service is a twenty-four hour one and is free of charge, and is available for the removal of cases requiring admission to hospital and also for the transport of patients who are unable to use other means of transport to and from Hospitals or Clinics, so that they can receive any necessary treatment. The request for the provision of an ambulance must be made by a General Practitioner or by an Authorised Person.



The service is also available for the transport of persons suffering from infectious disease to isolation hospital.

The following depots are situated in the eastern and northern districts of the County :

Biggleswade...Crab Lane	...	Tel.—Biggleswade 2295/2287
Bedford	...Bedford Road,	
	Kempston	..... Tel.—Bedford 59335

## **2. MIDWIFERY and DOMICILIARY NURSING—**

*Name and Address of Nurse—*

Mrs. E. O. Evans, 45 Western Way, Sandy (Phone 588)

District : Sandy, Beeston, Beeston Green, Seddington,  
Blunham, Mogerhanger, Tempsford

## **3. HEALTH VISITING**

*Name and Address of Health Visitors—*

Miss H. L. Cornwall, 4 Pope Road, Eynesbury.  
St. Neots. Hunts. (St. Neots 2924)

District : Cockayne Hatley, Sutton, Potton, Everton, Ickwell,  
Wrestlingworth, Northill, Eyeworth

Mrs. E. P. Sambourne, Ground Floor Flat, 47 Glebe Road,  
Sandy

District : Mogerhanger, Blunham, Tempsford, Beeston Green  
Beeston, Seddington, Upper & Lower Caldecote

## **4. CHILD WELFARE CLINIC**

Address of Clinic : Market Square, Sandy (Phone 689)

The Child Welfare Clinic is held every alternate Thursday afternoon and Friday afternoon monthly, between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mothers and young children are transported by bus from the parishes of Mogerhanger, Blunham, Tempsford, Wrestlingworth, Potton and Everton.

## **5. SPEECH THERAPY CLINIC**

Child Welfare Clinic—Thursday morning weekly.

## **6. DENTAL CLINIC**

The Lawns Health Centre, Biggleswade.  
Five mornings weekly.

## **7. CHIROPODY SERVICE**

The Lawns Health Centre, Biggleswade.  
Treatments by appointment.

## **8. HOME HELP SERVICE**

Organiser : Mrs. V. Van Berckaler, Medical Centre  
Union Street, Bedford (Bedford 52207)

## General Provision of Health and Medical Services in the Area provided by the North Western Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board

### **GENERAL HOSPITALS**

Bedford Gen. Hospital, South Wing, Kempston Road, Bedford  
Bedford Gen. Hospital, North Wing, Kimbolton Road, Bedford  
North Herts. & Lister Hospital, Hitchin, Herts.

### **GERIATRIC HOSPITALS**

Bedford Gen. Hospital, North Wing, Kimbolton Road, Bedford  
Clapham Hospital, near Bedford  
Biggleswade Hospital, Potton Road, Biggleswade

### **MATERNITY HOSPITALS**

Bedford Gen. Hospital, North Wing, Kimbolton Road, Bedford  
North Herts. (East Wing) Hospital, Hitchin, Herts.

### **INFECTIOUS DISEASE**

Spittlesea Isolation Hospital, Luton

### **PSYCHIATRIC**

Fairfield Hospital, Arlesey.

### **MENTALLY SUB-NORMAL**

Bromham Hospital, near Bedford

### **CHEST CLINIC (For Pulmonary Tuberculosis)**

Bedford Gen. Hospital, North Wing, Kimbolton Road, Bedford

### **VENEREAL DISEASE CLINIC**

Bedford Gen. Hospital, South Wing, Kempston Road, Bedford

### **MINIATURE RADIOGRAPHY**

Biggleswade (The Lawns) Tuesdays 11.15 to 11.45 a.m.

### **PHYSIOTHERAPY CLINIC**

Biggleswade (The Lawns) Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
afternoons

### **BACTERIOLOGICAL LABORATORY**

Bedford Gen. Hospital, North Wing, Kimbolton Road, Bedford

## **SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA**

### **Water Supply**

The water supplied in the area has proved satisfactory in quantity and quality. It is pumped direct from Greensand and requires no treatment other than chlorination.



No results of bacteriological examination of the raw water are available but samples of the water from the various points in the distribution system are taken regularly by the Water Board and by this Authority and all have been sterile.

The water is of a high standard of organic purity and is not plumbo-solvent. The following report by the Counties Public Health Laboratories is of a sample sent in for examination.

**Chemical Results in parts per Million**

Appearance—Clear and bright.					
Turbidity	.....	.....	.....	.....	Nil
Colour	.....	.....	.....	.....	Nil
Odour	.....	.....	.....	Very faint chlorinous	
Reaction pH	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.4
Free Carbon Dioxide	.....	.....	.....	.....	17
Electric Conductivity	.....	.....	.....	.....	410
Dissolved Solids	.....	.....	.....	.....	285
Chlorine present as Chloride	.....	.....	.....	.....	15
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate	.....	.....	.....	.....	185
Hardness—Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	210
Carbonate	.....	.....	.....	.....	185
Non-Carbonate	.....	.....	.....	.....	25
Nitrate Nitrogen	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.0
Nitrite Nitrogen	.....	.....	.....	.....	Absent
Ammoniacal Nitrogen*	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.03
Albuminoid Nitrogen*	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.02
Metals—Iron, Zinc, Copper, Lead, Manganese	.....	.....	.....	.....	Absent
Oxygen absorbed	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.10
Residual Chlorine	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.04

\*To convert to Ammonia multiply by 1.21

**Distribution of Water**

All houses are supplied with mains water, except two.

**INFECTIOUS DISEASES OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS**

**(a) General Statistics**

The following table shows the number of cases of infectious diseases notified during the year, together with the number of cases admitted to hospital and the deaths from these diseases.

### Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during the year 1966

Disease	Total Cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total deaths registered
Scarlet Fever ... ..	1	...	...
Dysentery ... ..	1	...	...
Measles ... ..	1	1	...
Pneumonia ... ..	1	...	...
Infective Hepatitis ...	22	...	...

### Vaccination and Immunisation

It is now possible to protect persons against an increasing number of infections by the use of vaccines and toxoids. The Bedfordshire County Council is responsible for the provision of this service which is given direct at clinics or through the General Medical Practitioners. Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Poliomyelitis, Smallpox and Tuberculosis are the diseases dealt with.

### TUBERCULOSIS

The following table shows the number of new cases of Tuberculosis notified and the number of deaths recorded since 1957

	New Cases					Deaths				
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmon'y		Total	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmon'y		Total
	M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F	
1957	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
1958	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1959	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
1960	1	1	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
1961	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1962	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1963	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1964	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1965	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1966	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...

The Mobile Chest X-Ray Unit now visits Biggleswade regularly to provide a service for local medical practitioners. It is stationed at "The Lawns" Health Centre every Tuesday morning, between 11.15 a.m. and 11.45 a.m.



## **REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR FOR THE YEAR 1966**

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my Second Annual Report to this Council.

### **1. Drainage and Sewerage**

The town is sewered along all the main streets and roads. Swaden, Stratford Road, Station Road, Ivel Road, Tempsford Road, Beeston Green and Seddington are not sewered.

### **2. Rivers and Streams**

The Ivel Internal Drainage Board undertakes the cleaning of all streams. During the year all the brooks surrounding Beeston had a thorough dredging and cleaning.

### **3. Houses connected to Sewer etc.**

1,385 Houses are connected to the sewer. 115 Houses with water closets connected to septic tanks. 31 Houses with pails.

Advantage is being taken of the private development of land at Ivel Road for 81 houses draining to a pumping station to lay a gravity sewer down Ivel Road to pick up 27 properties not yet sewered.

### **Conversions from Pails to Water Closets**

Total number of conversions since 1945	...	159
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### **4. Public Cleansing**

The collection of household refuse and the emptying of pails is carried out by the Council's workmen in a new Musketeer Refuse Vehicle which came into service in the latter part of 1966. The vehicle is supplemented by a tractor and trailer when necessary. The work is generally satisfactory. The emptying of cesspools is carried out by contract. A trial area of paper sacks refuse collection service has been inaugurated on a new Estate comprising 131 private development and 57 Council houses, flats and bungalows. It is still much too early to make any assessment.

In future the gullies are to be emptied at approximately 15-week intervals by the Bedfordshire County Council on a re-chargeable basis.



The following is a summary of the work carried out during the year :

Total number of visits made	...	...	96,308
Ashbins emptied	...	...	93,249
Cesspools	...	...	45
Pail closets emptied	...	...	3,059
Loads of refuse and night soil removed	...	...	866

Street scavenging is done at regular intervals.

## 5. Public Health and Housing Inspection

The following inspections were made and nuisances abated or defects remedied by informal action :

Housing defects	...	...	...	37
Unfit Houses	...	...	...	NIL
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	35
Council House repairs	...	...	...	1291
Visits to work in progress	...	...	...	702
Routine Inspections	...	...	...	530
(not including Council Houses)				
Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which				
Demolition Orders were made	...	...	...	NIL
Number of Dwelling Houses demolished in				
pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...	...	NIL
Buildings erected without Plans and not complying with				
Building Regulations	...	...	...	NIL

The first Contract of 47 bungalows, flats and houses was well on by the end of the year and should be complete by mid-1967. The extension of 10 more 3 and 4 bedroomed houses to Parker Morris standards was also started and should be completed in the autumn of 1967. The Senior Citizens' Housing at Stone Row (now to be called Stonecroft) should commence in the Spring.

## 6. Shops

No action with regard to shops was found necessary.

## 7. Factories and Workshops

There are 46 Factories and Workshops on the Register.

Builders	.....	Electrician	.....	3
Joiners	.....	Millers	.....	2
Painters	.....	Motor Engineers	.....	5
Plumbers	.....	Printers	.....	2
Bakers	..... 2	Saddlers	.....	1
Boot Repairers	..... 2	Coach Builder	.....	1
Cycle Repairers	..... 2	Clothing Factory	.....	1
Packing Vegetable		Scaffolding and		
Goods	..... 4	Form Work	.....	1
Animal Feeding Stuffs	1	Cafes	.....	4
Porcelain, Electrical	1			

## Administration of the Factories Acts 1937 and 1948

### Part I of Act

### INSPECTIONS

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Number of Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ... ..	46	...	...	...
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority ... ..				
(3) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises) ... ..	...	...	...	...
Total ... ..	46	...	...	...

### Cases in which Defects were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred by H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness [s.1]	...	...	...	...	...
Overcrowding [s.2]	...	...	...	...	...
Unreasonable temperature [s.3]	...	...	...	...	...
Inadequate ventilation [s.4]	...	...	..	...	...
Ineffective drainage of floors [s.6]	...	...	...	...	...
Sanitary Conveniences: [s.7]					
(a) Insufficient ...	...	...	...	...	...
(b) Unsuitable or def'tive ...	...	...	...	...	...
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork) ... ..	...	...	...	...	...
Total ... ..	...	...	...	...	...

**Part VIII of the Act**

**OUTWORK**

**Section 110**

**Section 111**

Nature of Work	No. of outworkers in August list re- quired by Sec. 110(1)c	No. of cases of de- fault in sending lists to Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel making, etc.	1	...	...	...	...	...

**Inspection and Supervision of Food**

**(a) Milk Supply**

There are no registered premises in the district.

**(b) Meat and Other Foods**

There are no slaughter houses in the Urban District.

**Food**

Voluntary surrender of the undermentioned foodstuffs found to be unfit for human consumption has been made.

4 lbs. Metro Brand Chopped Pork

**(c) Ice Cream**

Fifteen premises are registered for the sale of Ice Cream. It is purchased from reputable manufacturers. Ice cream is not manufactured in the Urban District.

**Sewage Disposal Works**

There are now 1,385 houses connected to the sewer. The majority of the houses along the High Road have now been connected up to the sewer. The sewage from The Baulk and the High Road is forced over the River Ivel by means of two electric motors, automatic float control and squirrel cage type pumps situated in The Baulk.

The motors and pumps have given excellent results, but are now nearing the end of their useful life.



The sewage arrives at the works 13' 3" below ground level, and is forced to the Continuous Flow Tanks by two Mirrlees-Watson Electric Motors and centrifugal pumps. The motors have given an excellent performance. They are automatic and controlled by electrodes.

The Ministry Engineering Inspector conducted an enquiry in September into the proposed new works. As a result of the "squeeze" the Minister recommended a design capacity of 10,000 instead of 15,000 population plus trade effluent. The Urban District Council felt this did not give sufficient margin for any future development of the town and a meeting was sought with the Ministry in London and a design capacity of 12,500 plus trade effluent was agreed.

### Trade Effluent, etc.

Samples taken of trade and works effluent during the year were reasonable in the overloaded circumstances but the new works are required.

The Pumping Station on the Rectory Estate has not worked very efficiently but consultations and investigations have been, and are still, in progress.

### Rainfall

<i>Year</i> .....	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
<i>Inches</i> ...	26.62	18.78	17.515	18.73	15.390	24.93	25.54

	Greatest Rainfall in 24 hours			No. of days with	
	Total	Inches	Date	.01 or over	.04 or over
January .....	.98	.21	25	14	6
February .....	2.29	.45	19	17	12
March .....	.22	.06	1	8	3
April .....	2.68	.43	19	16	15
May .....	1.40	.48	17	11	9
June .....	2.93	1.79	22	13	10
July .....	2.38	.47	29	12	11
August .....	3.76	1.12	21	12	8
September .....	1.45	.72	30	8	5
October .....	2.79	.42	1	12	10
November .....	2.08	.64	5	18	10
December .....	2.58	.66	9	19	17
	<hr/> 25.54			<hr/> 160	<hr/> 116

### Summary of Electricity Consumed

<i>Year</i> .....	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
<i>Units</i> ...	16,922	17,835	18,068	19,479	20,572	22,402	29,812

## Council Houses Painted, 1966

99 ... £1,552 15s. 0d.

## Number of Houses owned by the Council

Pre-War	...	...	234
Cemetery Cottage	...	...	1
Post War	...	...	276

A survey is being carried out on the remaining 127 un-improved pre-war houses with a view to modernisation.

## Houses and Bungalows erected since 1945

<i>Local Authority</i>	<i>Private</i>
10 Prefabs	65 Bungalows
72 Bungalows	257 Houses
196 Houses	3 Flats
<hr/> 278 Total	<hr/> 325 Total

## Number for 1966

<i>Local Authority</i>	<i>Private</i>
23	42
(47 in Scheme)	

## Building Regulations, 1965

These, as anticipated, have thrown a considerable extra burden on the Department but the peculiarities and difficulties are gradually being resolved.

## Plans submitted during the year

Outline development	...	...	...	16
Industrial development	...	...	...	6
Dwelling Houses	...	...	...	13
Additions and extensions	...	...	...	35
Conversions	...	...	...	2
Caravan Site Renewals	...	...	...	2
Garages and Sheds	...	...	...	18
Advertisements	...	...	...	1
Walls	...	...	...	3
Improved access	...	...	...	1
Swimming Pool	...	...	...	1
Agricultural Buildings	...	...	...	8

Shop Fronts	...	...	...	...	3
Offices	...	...	...	...	3
Electricity Sub-station	...	...	...	...	1
Electricity Overhead Lines	...	...	...	...	4

### Swimming Baths and Pools

There are no public swimming baths or pools in the district. There is a swimming pool for the use of Sandye Place School and a learner pool at Laburnum Road.

Consultations with G.L.C. officials and Bedfordshire County Council Departments on some of the problems of Town Development have continued throughout the year. In addition a great deal of time had to be spent on preparing for and attending meetings, etc., connected with the County Boundary Review proposals.

During the summer, when it appeared that the National Health Service in the town and district might be in jeopardy, the Council acted swiftly in converting the old Fire Station ground floor to serve as a consulting surgery and saved a situation which was distressing the elderly and young alike in the town.

After many frustrations the proposals for housing senior citizens on the land behind Stone Row (re-named Stonecroft) were approved and went to tender before the end of the year. The scheme should get off the ground in the spring of 1967.

I am indebted to my staff and to Mr. Hanford and his staff and to the Members of the Council for all the willing assistance and advice I enjoyed during the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES STIRLING,

CERT.R.S.A.(SCOT ), M.A.P.H.I.

*Surveyor and Public Health Inspector.*







